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In Re Application of: )  
Matt Kriesel )  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Amendment and Response is responsive to an Official Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 26, 2004.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 2, 5, and 16-18.

Please amend the claims as follows:

**In the Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A resilient pad to be placed between a foot and a shoe of a hooved animal comprising:  
a first region substantially defined by the area of the shoe; and  
a second region having a shock absorbent envelope comprising a polymeric gel, and the second region being substantially defined by an area enclosed by the shoe; and